Deteriorating telecommunication system

†3020. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to rapid increase of mobile phone, the telecommunication system is deteriorating;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the main reasons behind it is that telephone remain out of order for a long period and these are not repaired;

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government to repair the faulty telephones and telephone lines and to fix responsibility on the Department; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have initiated several measures as under to reduce the fault rate and further improve their services:

* Strengthening of computerised fault reporting system for prompt rectification of faults.
* Reductions of subscribers loop length by installing more Remote Subscriber Units/Remote Line Units.
* Minimising overhead wires by introducing 5 pair cables, wall Distribution Points (DPs) and wireless technology in the customer access network.
* Rehabilitation work in respect of leading in cables and rewiring of multi-storeyed buildings.
* Replacement of paper core underground cables by jelly filled cables/Optical fibre cables with DLCs.

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